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+ All necessary approvals have been obtained for FBIS to establish two Press Units in Western Europe, one in Antwerp and one in Milan. The Antwerp unit will open in early April 1985 and the Milan unit in late CY 85. These sites are expected to provide an excellent opportunity to collect and exploit new open source information, primarily on scientific and technical developments. They will offer good access to publications such as trade journals, conference reports, and research papers published not only in the host countries but in other West and East European countries as well. In addition, the press units will establish online access to foreign automated data bases and retrieve economic and S&T information responsive to IC requirements. FBIS staffers [redacted]

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[redacted] will head the Antwerp and Milan units respectively.

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Locally hired independent contractors will provide translation support.

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+ An FBIS Special Memorandum being published this week documents Soviet public statements on the Strategic Defense Initiative in response to interest in State Department and other offices. Recent Soviet leadership statements seem designed to reassure the Soviet public and to warn the United States of Soviet resolve to counter anything the United States might deploy. Soviet scientists and specialists on security issues have been increasingly detailed in open discussions of ways to counter U.S. defensive systems. [redacted]

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+ An FBIS analytic wrap-up of the current Soviet position on prospects for the Geneva arms control talks was used last week in PDB briefings for Vice President Bush, Secretary Shultz, and NSC Adviser McFarlane. [redacted]

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